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日四廿月二十年辰戊治同

PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

Destination.	Intended Dispatch.
London	Early
Shanghai	Early
Amoy	Early
Swatow	Early
Shanghai	Early
Amoy	Early
Swatow	Early
Shanghai	Early
Amoy	Early
Swatow	Early

Advertisements.

燕 梳 告
味司在本港辦理亞味布
布第壹等號風船火輪船照
爐常價銀其填補項可在中
保華新加坡加利吉打買

夜 投
洋在六日於
紗十下十二
包四環點鐘
原價有六點
物如有水貨
或搭客欲附
船一隻名昔士
號於英二月十二
定於英二月十二
如有貴客欲附
船一隻名昔士
號於英二月十二
定於英二月十二

館 本

英臣公司之生意
英八月十五號已
實與士先地承受
自是日所有各支
數目均歸士先地
等之如欲再印價
減半

人 招

投票承接建造
面倘有人願承接
月十六號下午三
於日開十點鐘至
些風公司開便知
凡有人投票此票
若未交本公

HING BOOKS
ish and Chinese
ANG BOOKS, for
and Gentlemen, are
Price—\$1 each.
" Office.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALLEN, 11, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street, George Street, 30,
Cornhill. GORDON & GORCH, 121, Hol
born Hill, E.C. BATES HENDY & Co.,
4 Old Jewry, E.C.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORCH, Mel
bourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally.—WHITE & BAUER, San
Francisco.

CHINA.—Sutton, Brown & Co. Amoy,
Giles & Co. Kiochou, Thompson &
Co. Shanghai, H. P. Goss & Co. Ma
nila, C. K. BATH & Co.

Arrivals.

Feb. 4, gunboat Bonner, schooner, 230,
Lloyd, Swatow, Feb. 3.

Departures.

Feb. 5, Veritas, for Surinam.
5, Golden Plover, for Manila.
5, Caroline, for New York.
5, Gracina, for Manila.

New Advertisements

CLUB CHAMBERS, D'AGUILAR
STREET.
A FEW Sets of these desirable CHAM
BERS are now vacant, and can be had
on reasonable terms. Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 5, 1869.

BAL MASQUE.
HANOY COSTUMES—MASKS and DO
MINOS.
HONNETT & Co.
Opposite Post Office.
Hongkong, February 5, 1869.

THE FIRM of Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON
& Co., of Hongkong, is instructed to
ascertain the whereabouts of DON RAFAEL
YUSCORAS, 18 years of age, native of Gua
temala, in Central America, to impart to
him a matter in which he is concerned.
He is therefore requested to apply to the
above.
Hongkong, February 5, 1869. 5-t-m.

THE RACES.

RACING SADDLES.
Racing BOOT TOPS.
Racing WHIPS.
Racing JEWELLERY.
DERBY HATS and VELS.
GLOVES for the Races.
SCARVES for the Races in the VARIOUS
colors.
SOARF PINS for the Races.
Betting and Race BOOKS.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, February 5, 1869. fe18

HONGKONG RACE FUND.
INTENDING subscribers who may not
have had an opportunity of putting
down their names can do so on application
to the Honorary Treasurer at the Chartered
Bank.
Non-Subscribers may obtain Tickets for
admission to the GRAND STAND at \$5 each,
on and after FRIDAY, the 12th instant.
Tickets for the NEW STAND may also be
obtained from the Honorary Treasurer,
price \$2.
W. KAYE,
Hon. Treasurer.
Hongkong, February 5, 1869. fe12

MESSRS. KOSS & Co.
BEG to inform the public of Hongkong
that they had established themselves
as
TAILORS & GENERAL OUTFITTERS,
on the premises hitherto occupied by Messrs
LADAGE, ORLE & Co.
Having secured the services of an ex
perienced European Cutter, and also having
received per late arrivals a very superior
stock of NEW GOODS, of the latest pat
terns, they are prepared to meet all the re
quirements of the present season.
A large stock of Ready-made CLOTH
ING, of the latest Fashions, always on
hand.
KOSS & Co.,
Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, February 5, 1869.

FOR SALE—PRICE \$1.
TABLE showing the proposed movements
of the French Mail Steam Ship of the
MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES STEAM NAVA
TION COMPANY, for the year 1869.
DE S'UZ & Co.
Hongkong, February 5, 1869. fe20

MORRISON EDUCATION SOCIETY.
THE Annual General MEETING of the
members of the above Society will be
held next TUESDAY, (9th February) after
noon in the LONDON MISSION HOUSE, at
3.30. Members are entitled to vote by
Proxy. They are requested to send, before
the date of Meeting, their proxies, if un
able personally to attend, to the Secretary,
the Rev. D. B. MORRIS. It is intended to
offer to the Meeting's acceptance the fol
lowing resolution, regarding which mem
bers have right to vote—"That the
Library of the Morrison Education Society
(together with the Painting by Chinnery,
and the Bust of T. R. MORRISON, Esq.) be
handed over to the City Hall Committee,
as a free gift for the use of the public, on
condition that in consideration of the gift,
and of the great services of Dr. MORRISON
to both Foreigners and Chinese, the books
be kept distinct from all other collections
in the City Hall, and designated the 'MOR
RISON LIBRARY,' in perpetuation of the
great missionary's memory."
D. B. MORRIS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 5, 1869. fe9

New Advertisements.

THE Committee of the CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE being anxious to receive an
expression of opinion on the part of the
Mercantile Community, with regard to the
opening of additional Coast Ports, as re
ferred to in Sir R. ALCOCK's dispatch to the
Consul at Amoy, beg to invite the atten
dance of any gentleman interested in the
subject to a General Meeting, to be held at
the rooms of the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
on FRIDAY, the 12th February next, at
three o'clock p.m. Communications in
writing upon the same subject will be much
appreciated by the Chamber, from those
unable to attend the Meeting.
By order of the Committee,
J. W. WOOD,
Secretary.

Club Chambers,
Hongkong, January 29, 1869. fe12

NOTICE.
SEALED TENDERS in Duplicate mark
ed "Tenders for Roofing the Ship's
Slip Meeanee" will be received at this
Office up to Noon on the 18th February,
1869, from persons desirous of contracting
for constructing a Framed and Boarded
ROOF over the said vessel now lying in
the harbour of Hongkong.
Plans, specification and terms, and con
ditions of contract can be seen and all
further information obtained at the Office
of the Commanding Royal Engineer, Com
missariat Buildings, Queen's Road, be
tween the hours of 10 A.M. and 3 P.M.;
daily (Sundays excepted).
No Tenders will be recognised unless the
party making it shall previously register
his name in the Royal Engineer's Office,
where proper forms for tendering upon
may be obtained.
Payment will be made periodically as
the work progresses, in the current Dol
lars of Hongkong under the terms and con
ditions of contract before referred to.
Two sureties will be required for the due
and proper fulfilment of any contract which
may be entered into.
The right of rejecting the whole or any
particular Tender is reserved.
REDMOND UNIAOKE,
Dep. Commis. Gen.
Controller's Office, Commissariat.
Hongkong, February 4, 1869. fe16

Ex "Sir Henry Havelock," "Chan
nel Queen," etc., etc.

Travelling BATHS with Covers.
PERAMBULATORS.
Patent Albert and Summer CHAIRS.
Copeland's CROCKERY and CHINA.
New FURNITURE.
HATS in the latest Shapes.
SADDLERY and other Racing Gear.
CROQUETS and Croquet STANDS.
Account BOOKS—Letter BOOKS, &c.
Drawingroom and Library LAMPS.
New Styles in COLLARS, SCARVES,
and TIES.
Tea tasting CUPS, POTS and SPOONS.
Iron and Brass BEDSTEADS, and Cribes.
Gas BRACKETS.
Electro-plated WARE in good variety.
Window GLASS.
Lead PIPING.
Dress SHIRTS.
New Shipments of BEER, WINES and
SPIRITS, Oilman's STORES, HAMS and
CHEESE, and many other reasonable
Goods.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, February 3, 1869. fe13

NOTICE is hereby given that Owners or
or Captain of the American barque
"Adelia C. Nelson," will not be Responsible
for any Debts contracted by her Officers or
Crew.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, February 1, 1869.

PHOTOGRAPHS IN PURE GOLD ON
IVORY.
A NEW INVENTION BY W. P. FLOYD.
THE Undersigned have much pleasure in
bringing before the Public, for the
first time, an entirely New Invention, for
Producing PHOTOGRAPHS on Ivory
Wood, Stone, or any other substance—in
pure Gold.
It is a well known fact that Gold is the
only Metal that will resist Atmospheric
oxidation; hence these Photographs are
Permanent.
The Prices are about half of the so called
Permanent Ivory Types, on Colloidal Chloride
or Silver; the Invention of G. W. STANLEY,
Esq., Editor of the Photographic News.
An Inspection is solicited. Life Size Pho
tographs will be produced at this Establish
ment in a few days.
ELOYD & Co.,
Natal Storekeeper,
Hongkong, November 27, 1868. fe9

New Advertisements.

TO LET.
HOUSES, Commodious in every respect,
in that healthy and desirable locality,
viz., Maoyue Terrace.
Apply to
JOHN GERRARD.
Hongkong, February 3, 1869. if

Entertainments.
GRAND CARNIVAL BAL MASQUE
AT THE
THEATRE LUSITANO.
O take place on TUESDAY NIGHT,
the 9th instant, at 9 o'clock.
PRICES OF ADMISSION:—
A box to hold six, \$3.
Single Ticket, 1.
To be had of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD
& Co., Messrs. BOWRA & Co., and at the
door of the Theatre.
Doors will be opened at half past 8
o'clock.
Hongkong, February 1, 1869. fe10

Auctions.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
HOUSEHOLD AND OFFICE
FURNITURE.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction, at 10, Lyndhurst Ter
race, on
TUESDAY,
9th Inst., at Noon.
The following Office and Household
FURNITURE, viz.:—
Drawing Room suite, including Couch
es, Chairs, &c., Cromo Lithographs, red
Damask window Curtains and Brass
Poles, side Tables, Book Cases and Lib
rary, Clocks, double brass Bedstead,
Bedding, &c., English made Mahogany
Wardrobe, Cheval Glass, Iron Couch,
Bagatelle Table, with Cush. &c., complete
Dessert and Dinner Services, Cutlery,
Glassware, Dining Table, Chairs, Side
boards, &c.
Office Desks, Milner's fire-proof safe,
Map, copying Press, handsome Mirrors.
1 Organ with three extra Rollers.
Also,
(If not previously disposed of)
1 handsome Buggy, by Simpson & Co.
1 Chestnut Galloway, with silver
mounted Harness, complete.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All Lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchaser's risk on the fall
of the hammer.
Hongkong, February 1, 1869. fe9

H. B. M. Gunboats "HARDY" and
"DRAKE" will be
SOLD BY AUCTION,
at the NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, on
TUESDAY,
the 9th February, 1869, (unless previously
disposed of by private agreement).
The Hardy is of 233 tons and 60 h. power.
The Drake, 238 " 40 "
The following are the articles to be sold
with each vessel, viz.:—
With the "Hardy."
Hull complete.
No masts or yards.
2 Anchors.
1124 Fathoms Cable.
Awnings complete, with Iron Stan
dards.
Davits for 2 Boats.
1 Dingy, 14 feet.
4 Oars and Awnings.
2 Downfall's Pumps (1 complete).
A pair of 30 Horse Power high pressure
engines by Messrs. MAUDSLAY, SON and
FIELD, in fair working order. A set of 3
boilers, considerably worn but repairable.
Spare Gear.
Cylinder Cover, 1 in No.
Cross Head, 1 "
Eccentric Ring, 1 "
Piston and Rod, 1 "
Propeller (brass), 1 "
Rod connecting, complete, 1 "
Feed pump rod, 1 "
Blige do. do. 1 "
Slide do. do. 1 "
Guide blocks, 2 "
With the "Drake."
Masts complete.
Yards do.
Rigging do.
1 Anchor.
100 Fathoms Cable.
Awnings complete.
Davits for 3 boats.
1 Dingy, 14 feet.
2 Oars.
2 Downfall's Pumps.
All standing Sails, but square foresail.
A 40 Horse Power high pressure engine
by Messrs. PAXN and SONS, in good work
ing order.
The boilers of this vessel have been taken
out.
Spare Gear.
Cylinder Cover, 1 in No.
Eccentric Ring (brass), 1 "
Piston, 1 "
do. Rod, 1 "
Plumber block brasses, 1 pair.
Propeller (brass), 1 in No.
Rod connecting, complete, 1 "
Feed pump rod, 1 "
Blige do. do. 1 "
Slide do. do. 1 "
Guide block, 1 "
A. H. PRICE,
Natal Storekeeper,
Hongkong, November 27, 1868. fe9

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 6th February, 1869, at 11 o'clock
A.M., at the Godown of Messrs. VOGEL,
HAGEDORN & Co., Stanley Street,—
For account of whom it may concern,
Ex "Shakespeare."
H. 27
W. S. 30
3 casks BEESWAX.
All more or less damaged by sea water.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
Hongkong, February 3, 1869. fe6

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Property at Fochow, known as
DENT & Co.'s, will be offered for
sale by Public Auction, in June next,
unless previously disposed of by private
contract.
The Property consists of
DWELLING HOUSE,
containing 8 Rooms and Bath Rooms,
with Servants' Offices and Stables detach
ed; the whole surrounded by a Garden.
This House is let on a short Lease at
\$150 per month.
OFFICES AND GODOWNS.
A House containing 14 Offices and
Spacious Tea Room, with fireproof God
dows, large Treasury, and Comptroller's
Rooms below, Servants' Offices &c., at
tached.
Three large Godowns, A, B, and C,
adjoining the above.
This property has water frontage, is
situated in the most eligible portion of
the business quarter of Fochow, and is
let on a Repairing Lease for 5 years,
commencing from the 1st May next, at
the annual rental of \$4,500.
For further particulars, apply at the
Office of the Trustees, No. 7, Pedder's
Hill.
Hongkong, February 1, 1869.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received in
structions from the Mortgagee to
sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY,
the 3rd of March 1869, at Noon, on the
Premises, under the power of sale con
tained in the deed of Mortgage—
That spacious, handsome and conveni
ently situated DWELLING HOUSE on
CAINE ROAD, built on Inland Lot 157,
with the Out Offices and extensive Ground
attached. The Lot measures on the North
and Northwest 136 feet, on the South
(CAINE ROAD) 132 feet, on the East 340
feet and on the West 331 feet,—the
total area being 51,103 square feet.
The ground rent is \$199.48 per annum.
For further particulars, apply to the
undersigned.
TERMS OF SALE.—One half of the pur
chase money to be paid on the fall of the
hammer, the balance on completion of
the deed of transfer. All expenses of
transfer to be paid by the purchaser.
The property to be at the risk of the pur
chaser from the fall of the hammer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, January 7, 1869. ma3

Banks.
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK
ING CORPORATION.
SUSCRIBED CAPITAL, FIVE MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS.
COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—GEO. F. HEARD, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—JULIUS MEXNER, Esq.
GEORGE J. HILLMAN, Hon. J. B. TAYLOR,
Esq., A. JOSEY, Esq.,
WILLIAM LEMANN, J. P. DUNNISON,
Esq.,
W. H. FORBES, Esq., RICHARD ROWETZ,
S. D. SASSON, Esq.,
E. R. BEALIOS, Esq.,
Managers.
Hongkong, VICTOR KRESSER, Esq.
Chief Manager.
Shanghai, DAVID MACRAE, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.
On Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "
LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.
VICTOR KRESSER,
Chief Manager.
Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, January 1, 1869. if

STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Marseilles,
and Southampton.
BOMBAY, MADRAS, and CALCUTTA.
THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship
"ORISSA," Captain BARON, with Her
Majesty's Mail, Passengers, Specie, and
Cargo, will leave this for the above places,
on TUESDAY, 9th February, at 9 A.M.
PARCELS and CARGO will be received on
board until Noon, and SPECIE until
4 P.M. on the 8th February.
For particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Office, Hongkong.
CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES
ARE REQUIRED.
A written declaration of the Contents and
Value of the Packages for the Overland Route
is required by the Egyptian Government, and
must be delivered by the Shippers to the Com
pany's Agents with the Bills of Lading, or
with Parcels; and the Company do not hold
themselves responsible for any detention or
prejudice which may happen from incorrect
ness in such declaration.
Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Black Bill of Lading.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MA
RITIMES DES MESSAGERIES
IMPERIALES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,
ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA,
MARSEILLES,
ASO
BOMBAY, PONDICHERY, MADRAS,
AND CALCUTTA.
THE Company's Steam-ship, "CAM
BODGE," Commandant DESFERRAND,
will leave this Port for the above places,
with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, on THURSDAY, the 25th In
stant, at 2 P.M.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and
accepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.
Cargo will be received on board until 4
P.M. of the 24th Instant, Specie and
Parcels until 5 P.M. of the 24th Instant.
(Parcels are not to be sent on board; they
must be left at the Agency's Office.)
For Particulars regarding Freight and
Passage, apply at the Company's office,
Hongkong. CONTENTS AND VALUE
OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.
O. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP
COMPANY.
THROUGH U. S. MAIL LINE TO NEW YORK.
STEAMERS of this line will be despatch
ed as follows:—
Great Republic, February 19.
Japan, March 19.
China, April 19.
Great Republic, May 19.
Japan, June 19.
China, July 19.
Great Republic, August 19.
A Steamer will leave Shanghai on or
about same date, connecting at Yokohama
with above-named steamer.
Passengers ticketed through to California,
Mexico, Central and South America, the
Atlantic States, and to England or France,
both via New York and by lines from Pan
ama and Aspinwall.
Return tickets issued at a reduction of
10% upon the whole amount for the round
voyage.
Connections are made at Panama with
Steam Lines upon the West Coast of Cen
tral and South America, at Aspinwall with
the "Royal West India Mail Line," "West
India and Pacific Steamship Company,"
(Limited) and the "French Transatlantic
Company." And, at New York, with the
various lines to Europe. Tickets issued
for the following Steamship Lines: Cun
ard, Inman, National, General Transat
lantic Co., New York and Havre Steam
ship Co., Hamburg and American Packet
Co., New York and Bremen Steamship
Co., and North German Lloyd's.
Favorable arrangements have been made
for through passengers and freight to Ame
rica, from Calcutta, Penang and Singapore,
and from Swatow, Amoy and Fochow.
Through Bills of Lading given for Ports
of Mexico and on the West Coast of Cen
tral and South America to as far as Valpa
raiso, to New York, Liverpool, Southampton
and St. Nazaire, France.
Freight to United States payable in ad
vance in Mexican Dollars, or on delivery
in American Gold Coin with 8 per cent ad
ditional, at shipper's option.
For further information, apply at the
Agency of the Company, Praya West.
GEO. F. BOWMAN, Agent.

Shipping.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The steam-ship
"UNITED SERVITOR,"
expected from Canton on the 8th
instant, will take Cargo and Pas
sengers for the above port and be despatch
ed on Wednesday the 10th inst.
THE BORNBOCK LIMITED.
Hongkong, February 4, 1869. fe10

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steam-ship
"DOUGLAS,"
Captain TORREN, will leave
for the above ports, on
TUESDAY, the 9th inst., at 8 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1869. fe9

FOR SINGAPORE, MAURITIUS AND
LONDON.
The Ocean Steam-ship
Company's steamer
"DIOMED,"
Captain TORREN, expected from Shanghai on
the 12th instant, will be despatched hence
as above on or about the 15th.
No parcels will be received at the office
after the 14th.
For Freight, apply to
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, February 2, 1869. fe15

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steam-ship
"YESSO,"
Captain ASHTON, will leave
for the above ports, on
Thursday, the 4th instant, at 8 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1869.

FOR SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY
(If sufficient inducement offered).
The steam-ship
"CALIFORNIA,"
will have quick despatch as
above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
TUKNER & Co.
Hongkong, January 29, 1869.

FOR SAIGON.
The British ship
"SHAKESPEARE,"
will be despatched for the above
port on the 12th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, February 3, 1869. fe12

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish brig
"CONSTANCIA,"
will have quick despatch as
above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
WAHNE & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1869. fe15

FOR SAIGON.
The British ship
"ARIEL,"
Capt. COURTNEY, will have im
mediate despatch for the above
ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, January 29, 1869.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The Amr. Ship
"SHIRLEY,"
Captain Ferguson, will have
quick despatch for the above
Port.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 29, 1869. if

FOR YOKOHAMA.
The A 1 North German barque
"DWINA,"
Capt. Von RITZEN, will have
quick despatch.
For Light Freight or Passage, apply to
EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.
Hongkong, January 26, 1869. if

FOR MANILA.
The Spanish brig
"GRAPINA,"
BARGELO, Master, will have im
mediate despatch for the above
Port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, January 20, 1869.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
To follow the "Marie."
The British ship
"GOLDEN HORN,"
Captain RICE, will have early
despatch for the above port.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 2, 1868.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.
The Dutch barque
"ZEPHYR,"
Capt. COESTER, will have quick
despatch for the above ports.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 23, 1868. if

MASTED SCHOONER "CLIPPER,"
FROM HAMBURG.
ONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
named Vessel are requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for
counter-signature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the ves
sel will be landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense, by
MELCHERS & Co.
Hongkong, January 30, 1869. 94

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.

By "Hoochy," 31st October, 1898.
VO 827. 1 case Arms.
By "Cambridge," 2d February, 1899.
JDS (in square) 123 1 case optical instruments.
M GFC 15956 1 case chemicals.
C. BERTHOLD, Principal Agent.
Hongkong, February 2, 1899.

S.S. "NIGER" FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take delivery of their Goods before the 13th February next, after which date Godown rent will be charged.

The Cargo will be stored in Godown C, at the rear of Messrs MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co., and will be ready for delivery on Monday next, the 1st February.

THE BORNEO CO. LIMITED.
Hongkong, January 29, 1899. fe13

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM NELSON in our Firm ceased on the 30th June last.

Mr. THOMAS LAM, Mr. WILLIAM NISBET OLMESTED, and Mr. H. SEYMOUR GRAY are authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong and China from this date.

OLYFANT & Co.
Hongkong, October 6, 1898.

NOTICE.
MR. WILLIAM JUDSON BLYDENBURGH, and Mr. GEORGE HUBBERT are admitted partners in our Firm.

Mr. HARRY CUTLER LOW will sign our Firm per procuration.

SMITH ARCHER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1899. ma5

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. GEORGE WILHELM SCHWEMMANN and of Mr. RUDOLPH HANSEN in our firm ceased on the 31st December 1898.

Mr. FREDERICK HANSEN and Mr. HENRIK HOPFUS have this day been admitted partners in our firm at Hongkong and in China, which now consists of Mr. GEORGE THOMAS SIMPSON, Mr. WOLFGANG NISSEN, Mr. ADOLF JOSEF, Mr. FREDERICK HANSEN and Mr. HENRIK HOPFUS.

SIMPSON & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1899. 2np1

JOHN CARNEGIE, M.D., C.M., M.A., ceased to be a partner in the firm of JONES, CARNEGIE & SCOTT at Amoy and Swatow on the 31st December 1898.

In reference to the above the undersigned hereby intimates that they will continue to carry on the above Medical Co-partnership under the name of JONES, SCOTT & MILLER.

O. M. JONES, F.R.C.S., L.D.C.P.
O. M. SCOTT, L.D.C.P.
AUG. MILLER, M.D., M.B.C.S., L.S.A.
January 25, 1899. fe25

NOTICE.
We have this day established ourselves at this Port as Merchants and Commission Agents in connection with Messrs D. B. MANN & Co. of Calcutta.

Mr. RUSTOMJEE SOHAGEE WOODWARD is authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong.

RUSTOMJEE SOHAGEE HOY & Co.
Office No. 7, Hollywood Road.
Hongkong, January 12, 1899. 15fe

HAVE this day authorized Mr. C. LANGDON DAVIES to sign my name per procuration to all orders for goods supplied to the Hongkong Hotel, and I alone am liable to pay for goods supplied upon such orders.

I have further authorized Mr. Davies to collect all debts due to me on Hotel account, for which his receipt will be a sufficient discharge.

LEE AFOONG.
Hongkong, December 1, 1898. 6

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AVERAGE ADJUSTER and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

C. LANGDON DAVIES.
Hongkong, July 1, 1898.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.

S. L. PHELPS, Agent.
Hongkong, August 15, 1897.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this Port as General Commission Merchant, under the style and firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & Co.

GIFFORD FORBES PARKER.
Saigon, December 20, 1897.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. FREDERICK PEDDER in our Firm ceases from this date.

H. D. BROWN & Co.
Amoy, December 31, 1898. apr2

MR. FRANCIS CHUMLEY is a Partner in our Firm, which from this date will be conducted under the name of BROWN & Co.

H. D. BROWN & Co.
Amoy, January 1, 1899. apr2

NOTICE.
MR. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration, at Foochow from this date.

BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, June 2, 1898.

NOTICE.
WE have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BUDDE to sign our Firm from this date.

DREYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1898.

NOTICE.
MR. D. O. CLARK retires from our Firm, and Mr. J. MURRAY FORBES and Mr. E. D. BARBOUR are admitted Partners from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.
China, January 1, 1899. july2

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.
Just arrived, ex Overland Mail Steamer "CHINA".

PRIME OVERLAND HAM.
Do. Dutch HERRINGS, in Kits of 1 doz.
100 cases EIDAM CHEESE, each 1 doz.
L. FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, February 2, 1899. tf

FOR SALE.
Ex Late Arrivals.

BEST HOT'S ROPE, from 2 in. to 10 in.
do. do. Boltropes, 1 1/2 5/4
do. do. Lanyards, 2 3/4
do. do. Sailing-stuff and Ratlines, 4 third to 24 third.
do. do. Signal Halliards.
do. do. Loglines.
Wire Rope, from 1 in. to 4 1/2 in.
Five tons of Hubbuck's White Zinc Paint.
Best J. H. H. Gin, in white square bottles, 1 doz. cases.
Holland Gin in small and large bottles.
Muntz's yellow Metal, from 18 oz. to 26 oz.
French Salad Oil.
L. FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 21, 1899.

JUST ARRIVED EX ORIENTAL WAVE, FROM LONDON.

NEE & BURIDGE'S PALE SHERRIES.
No. 1, \$7.
" 2, 9.
" 3, 10.
Also,
PORT in Bottle (old, light and silky), 1847, \$12 per dozen.
G. DUBOIS & Co.
Hongkong, January 21, 1899. 21fe

New Advertisements.

FOR THE RACES.

SAYLE & Co.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
HONG KONG.

HAVE RECEIVED EX MAIL STEAMER.

A Large assortment of MILLINERY, BONNETS, and HATS, of the latest fashions.

A Choice assortment of SILK, MUSLIN, and GRENADINE, for Evening Wear.

A fine assortment of new French FLOWERS, HEAD-DRESSES and FEATHERS.

A large assortment of new TRIMMINGS and FRINGES in all colors.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Kid GLOVES, in white and colors, all sizes.

Gentlemen's Drab Shell and Felt HATS.

Blue and Green GOSSAMERS, &c.

(BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT,
20, Fochow Road, Shanghai.)
Hongkong, February 3, 1899.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING MARKET CIRCULARS.

THE Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce are open to receive tenders for the printing of its fortnightly Circulars. Communications should be made to the undersigned, who will furnish any information regarding forms and style of paper required.

By order,
J. W. WOOD, Secretary.
Club Chambers,
Hongkong, February 2, 1899. tf

BOARD and RESIDENCE at No. 5, BONHAM ROAD, W. Good Accommodation.

Apply at
THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, January 29, 1899. to

DOD.—Since you left us things deeply concerning you have happened. Come home; or at least give opportunity of communicating with you.—ARTBUR.
Hongkong, January 18, 1899. fe18

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the Head Office of the BANK, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 15th day of February next, at Two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898.

By order of the Court of Directors,
VICTOR KRESSER, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 27, 1899. fe18

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTRATION of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 15th day of February next (both days included), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

VICTOR KRESSER, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 27, 1899. fe18

New Advertisements.

HONGKONG ATHLETIC SPORTS.
THE above will be held on the Cricket Ground on THURSDAY, 11th February, commencing at 1 p.m. Lists are lying in the Hongkong and United Clubs, and at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s, Entrance for Mile Race, \$1.
for all others, \$1.
Entries to close on Saturday, 6th February, at 5 p.m.

REGINALD D. STARKLEY, Hon. Sec.
Hongkong, January 21, 1899. fe6

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
ON and after the 1st of February next, Rates for Chinese Passengers to or from Canton will be \$1 for lower deck and \$1.50 for upper deck passage. Full fare will be charged to Naval and Military Officers and half fare to Missionaries on both the Canton and Macao Lines.

By order of the Board of Directors,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, January 26, 1899. fe23

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend at the rate of \$12 1/2 per annum or \$4.50 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of the Shareholders held on the 20th instant, will be payable on and after MONDAY the 25th instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the undersigned for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, January 21, 1899. tf

BILLIARDS, BOWLS, AND BAR.

NOTICE.
THE ORIENTAL BAR, BILLIARD ROOM, and BOWLING ALLEYS, having been enlarged and fitted up in a very superior style unequalled by any in the Colony, the Proprietors Re-open the above on Monday, the 11th January, 1899, to their friends and the public, and trust with civility, Good Liquors and the well-known reputation of this old-established House, to merit a share of their patronage. There are three first class Billiard Tables in a large airy and well-lighted room. The Bowling Alley needs no comment.

BROWN & Co., Proprietors.
Hongkong, January 9, 1899. tf

NEW HOTEL.
58 & 60, Wellington Street.

ON the 1st of FEBRUARY will be opened A NEW HOTEL, at the above address. It will be conducted upon entirely novel principles, by observing which the Proprietors, while securing to themselves a sufficient remuneration, will be able to afford the general public Board and Lodging at a rate never before heard of in Hongkong.

The situation of the Hotel is first class, and the Rooms, which are very commodious, are very comfortably fitted.

Hongkong, January 30, 1899.

ARMY CONTRACT, 1899, 1870.
SEALED TENDERS in duplicate, marked outside "Tenders for Army Contracts" will be received by the undersigned until Noon on MONDAY, the 16th February, 1899, from persons willing to contract for such quantities of Commissariat supplies, Hospital Supplies, or for the performance of Barrack and Hospital services, such as washing and repairing Bedding, Utensils, &c., as may from time to time be required for the use of Her Majesty's Troops in the Island of Hongkong or its outposts, during the year commencing 1st April, 1899.

Forms of Tender (no other than those issued by the Commissariat will be received) and Conditions of Contract, with any further information that may be required, can be obtained on application to the Commissariat, Barrack, or Purveying Departments, for the respective supplies and services.

Each Tender to be signed by two responsible persons, willing to become surety for the party tendering.

The right of rejecting the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

REDMOND UNIAKKE, Dept. Commis. Gen.
Controller's Office, Commissariat,
Hongkong, January 10, 1899. 15fe

THE undersigned hereby intimates that he has this day received the appointment of Surveyor to FRENCH LLOYDS under date of December 22nd, 1898.

ROBT. McMURDO.
Hongkong, January 9, 1899.

WANTED.
FOR the General Mess on board H. M. Troop-ship "Adventure."—A Good COOK. Persons applying must have a thorough knowledge of their work.

Apply on Board.
Hongkong, January 8, 1899.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED, by a young MAN, (English) aged 30, of business habits, and several years experience in Hongkong. Apply by letter, "A.B.C.," care of Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, December 25, 1898.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
ALL Orders for Goods Supplied to or work done for the Hotel must be signed by the Secretary of the Company. The Company will not undertake to pay for any Goods Supplied without such Order.

By order of the Board of Directors,
O. LANGDON DAVIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, November 27, 1898. tf

New Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL.
THIS HOTEL will be conducted under a new arrangement commencing on the 1st of December. The Charges for Board will remain as follows:—
Board, \$45 a month. Tiffin only, \$15 a month. Dinners only, \$30 a month. One Breakfast or one Tiffin, 80 cents. One Dinner, \$1.25.

There is an excellent assortment of wines for sale at moderate prices.

The Charges for Lodging will be very considerably reduced. Rooms are offered to monthly lodgers at \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, or \$45, a month.

Casual Visitors are charged \$4 a day for their Rooms with or without board.

There is an ample supply of Bathrooms, and Gas is laid on throughout the house.

Hongkong, November 28, 1898. tf

SAILORS' HOME, WEST POINT.

Trustees.
Hon. W. KESWICK, — FORBES, Esq.
" JOHN DENT, H. G. THOMSETT, Esq., R.N.

Directors.
Hon. H. B. GIBB, W. MACAULAY, Esq.
G. J. HELLAND, Esq., D. SASSON, Esq.
G. HEARD, Esq., Rev. W. M. BEACH.
W. LEMANN, Esq., J. J. MURRAY, M.D.

Committee of Management.
Hon. W. KESWICK, Chairman.
W. MACAULAY, Esq., H. G. THOMSETT, Esq., R.N.

Donations of Books, Periodicals, Newspapers, Clothes, &c., will be most thankfully received.

A. OVERBURY, Superintendent.
Hongkong, October 29, 1898.

NOTICE.
THE undersigned having PURCHASED the interest of the "WANKEI STEAM BAKERY," begs to notify the Public of Hongkong and Ship Masters that he is prepared to furnish Daily Supplies of Soft BREAD in various forms, to any part of the Colony.

Also Ship BREAD of best quality and at low rates constantly on hand or baked in quantities at short notice.

Also Water, Butter, Soda and Sugar BISCUITS by the Barrel, Tin or Pound.

Also Corn and Rye MEAL, HOMINY, CORN STARCH, BICARB. SODA, Salebrins and Cream BAKING POWDER.

FLOUR of best Brands constantly on hand supplied by the Barrel, Bag, Tin or Pound.

CAKE of all kinds baked to order.

The above is under the Superintendence of Mr. JONATHAN PARSONS, and all orders forwarded to him, at the Bakery, or left at Messrs MACAULAY & Co.'s will receive prompt attention.

L. P. WARD.
Hongkong, February 17, 1898.

LATEST SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 5, *Elise*, North German brig, 300, Thuren, Hamburg, Macassar and Macao, Aug. 4, Dec. 3; and Feb. 4, General—MELCHERS & Co.
Feb. 5, *Amazona*, N. German brig, from Whampoa.
Feb. 5, *Oscar Vidal*, N. Germ. barque, from Whampoa.
Feb. 5, *Glengyle*, British steamer, 1265, Hooper, Calcutta, Penang and Singapore, Jan. 21, 26 and 29, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

CLEARED.
Albany, for Bangkok.
Zephyr, for Sydney.
Friedrich, for Tientsin.
Lily of Devon, for Hilo.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per *Glengyle*, Mr and Mrs Greig, 1 Parsee and 12 Chinese. The following European passengers left this for Canton yesterday morning:—Messrs H. Kirchhoff, L. Deacon, and W. F. Mayers.

The following European passengers arrived here from Canton this afternoon:—Messrs W. S. Foster, V. Valley, M. Khatsey, and one other.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Glengyle*, from Calcutta, Penang and Singapore, reports strong N.E. monsoon all the passage to Hongkong. The steamer *Clan Alpine* had arrived in Calcutta when the *Glengyle* left.

QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 5th February, 1899.
OPPIUM.—Pudra, New, \$600
Bombar, New, 682 1/2
Malwa, New, 682 1/2
COTTON.—CAUCASIA, 16 a 19 1/2
SHANGHAI, 19 a 20
BOMBAY, 17 a 21 1/2

Exchange.

Bank, 6 months' sight, 4/5
Credits, 6 " 4/5 1/2
On Calcutta, 3 days' sight, Rs. 223
" Bombay, 3 days' sight, Rs. 223 a 223 1/2
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. 6, 9 nominal.
Mexicans, 1/2 a 7.
Gold Leaf, 22.00 a 23.10
Gold Bar, 98 touch, 22.70 a 23.00
English Sovereigns, 4.62
Australian Sovereigns, 4.56
Discount, 9 a 10
H. & W. Dock, Old, 9 p. c. dia; New, 21 p. c. dia.
Do. do. New, 9 a 9 1/2
Union Dock, 80 p. c. dia.

Temperature.

HONGKONG, 6th February, 1899.

(Taken at Messrs Falcater & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)
THERMOMETER.—9 A.M., Dry, 60
Do. Wet, 57
Do. 4 P.M., Dry, 60
Do. Wet, 55
Self-registered Maximum, 64
Minimum over night, 59
BAROMETER.—9 A.M., 30.111
Do. 4 P.M., 30.097

CARGOES.

(From the Canton Customs Daily Returns.)
Per Japan, cleared for Tientsin:—
600 bales Fans.
117 bales dried Flowers.
70 tubs Red Lead.
1,450 bags Sugar.
50 cases Sugar Candy.
206 packages Sundries.

Summary of Imports and Exports passed at the Canton River Steamer Office during the week ended 30th January:—
Imported per *Kinsan* and *Poyang* from Hongkong:—

1,957 bales Bengal Cotton.
298 bales Bombay Cotton.
115 bales Native Cotton.
35 bales Coochin China Cotton.
65 bales Cotton Yarn.
275 flasks Quicksilver.
79 packages Wax.
4 casks Ginseng.
1 bale Native Ginseng.
50 bales Goats' Hair.
20 baskets dried Prawns.
30 packages Nankin.
33 chests Patna and Malwa Opium.
6 packages Tea.
240 packages Tobacco.
31 packages Medicine.
30 cases Green Paint.
11 bales Elephants' Teeth.
78 cases and bales Cotton Goods.
56 cases and bales Woollen Goods.
116 packages Sundries.

Exported per *Kinsan* and *Poyang* to Hongkong:—

3 cases Fine Silk.
27 cases Silk Piece Goods.
1 case Shawls.
22 packages Chinaware.
20 tubs Yellow Lead.
2 tons (8 1/2 piculs) Cassia.
8 cases Paper.
11 boxes Preserves.
29 tons Tea.
220 packages and parcels Sundries.

Summary of Imports and Exports, into and from the Canton Custom House, by the Native Craft, during the week ended 31st January.

Imported from Hongkong:—
104 bales Almonds.
103 bales Biche-de-mor.
96 bales Cardamoms.
1,766 bags Chaff.
62 bags Native Cigars.
129 bales Cotton.
20,000 Cocoanuts.
134 bags Cokes.
184 bags Red Dates.
309 bales Fishmaw.
60 baskets Salted Fish.
89 bales Dried Fish.
4,803 piculs Plint.
155 bags Flour.
147 baskets Fresh Fruits.
58 bales Fungus.
102 cases Glass Windows.
307 packages Glue.
713 packages Grass Cloth.
2,609 pieces Buffalo Hides.
124 bales Liquorice.
1,616 packages and 183 pieces Nail.
Rods, Bars and Hoops.
235 pkgs and 109 piculs old Copper.
103 packages old Iron.
861 pigs Lead.
84 packages Steel.
131 cases Tin Plates.
370 packages Iron Ropes.
818 piculs Mangrove Bark.
156 packages Medicine.
296 baskets dried Persimmons.
1,861 piculs Peas.
154 bags Pepper.
228 Figs.
90 packages dried Provisions.
834 piculs Rattans.
8,892 bags Rice.
297 piculs Sandalwood.
935 piculs Sapanwood.
103 baskets Sea Blubbers.
615 bales Sharks' Fins.
211 bundles Shell Fish.
84 bundles Stock Fish.
47 packages Tobacco.
100 bags Wheat.
220 pieces Elephants' Bones.
317 packages Sundries.

Exported to Hongkong:—
80 bags Ashes Chaff.
49 packages Brass Ware.
51 packages Bamboo Ware.
230 bags Charcoal.
44 cases Chinaware.
45 bundles Firewood.
30 baskets Green Ginger.
240 cases Joss Sticks.
82 cases Kittysois.
80 packages Medicine.
3,746 packages Mats.
10,490 jars and 86 cases Pickles.
1,418 packages and 218 pieces Planks.
71 packages Preserves.
215 bags Paddy.
50 cases Rice Flour.
1,080 jars and 800 cases Samahoo.
38 cases Starch.
500 bags Sugar.
661 chests and 200 jars Tea.
186 packages Tobacco.
167 bags Toothpowder.
58 baskets Vegetables.
74 piculs and 29 packages Woodware.
500 Wooden Cases.
50 Casks.
45 bundles Fireworks.
23 packages Marble Slabs.
25 packages Paperware.
20 packages Paper.
739 packages Sundries.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.—
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOO HOW.—
Per "DOUGLAS," on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at 7.30 a.m.

It is hereby notified that, under the authority of a Treasury Warrant dated the 1st May last, Superintending, or First-Class Schoolmasters in the Army will, in future, be entitled to the same privileges in regard to Letters sent by or addressed to them on their own private affairs as are at present enjoyed by Commissioned Officers in the Army; and all Army Schoolmasters will be entitled (as Army Schoolmasters of all but the First-Class now are) to the same privileges in regard to their Letters, are enjoyed by non-commissioned Officers and Private Soldiers.

F. W. MITCHELL, Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, July 31, 1898.

UNDER DESPATCH.
For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per *Douglas*, on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at 7.30 a.m.

MORRIS'S DIRECTORY

for
CHINA, JAPAN
and
THE PHILIPPINES, &c.,
1899.

THE above Work is now PUBLISHED and READY FOR CIRCULATION.

Apply to
JOHN B. MORRIS,
Messrs. Gower & Co.,
Queen's Road.
Hongkong, January 13, 1899.

NOTICE.—It is particularly requested that all communications relating to the general business of this paper be addressed to the Proprietor and in no case to individuals by name. Much delay and inconvenience in the transaction of business will thereby be avoided.

PRICE 50 CENTS.

A TABLE showing the Proposed Movements of the Mail Steam Packets of the P. & O. Company for the Year 1899, as approved by Her Majesty's Postmaster General.

To be had at the China Mail Office, Wyndham Street, Hongkong, December 26, 1898.

PRINTING of every description executed at the "China Mail" Office with accuracy, neatness, punctuality, and at reasonable charges, by
CHARLES A. SAINT.

NOTES & QUERIES

ON
CHINA AND JAPAN.
No. 1, Vol. 3.
IS NOW READY.

** Bound Copies of the SECOND VOLUME will shortly be ready. Early application is requested, as the number on hand is limited.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEB. 5, 1899.

THE BATHING HOUSE.

SIR RICHARD MACDONNELL cannot be said to have shewn himself indifferent to the comfort of that large portion of the community who rejoice in aquatic exercises during the warm weather. While most people would have preferred to see the Bathing House remain in its present position (especially as the police regulation in force compel ladies who require to be carried in chairs to abstain from using the Parade Praya, and nevertheless permit a horde of dirty Chinese to occupy the view seats), its removal, if absolutely necessary, will be greatly facilitated by the offer made by His Excellency to aid in the expenses of erecting a new building or re-erecting the present house upon another site. The proposed new site is, despite the disadvantage of an inconvenient proximity to a drain, the only one which appears at all available, while the union of Bathing House and Boat House would probably please those whose tastes lead them to perilous adventures in elongated and balance-losing skills. The resolution come to may therefore be considered as the best which could be taken, and we trust that the funds necessary will be speedily forthcoming.

While the removal of the Bathing House is thus a matter of public attention, it would seem that there is a favorable opportunity for returning to the subject of diverting the Queen's Road part of the City Hall by way of the newly constructed praya. We have frequently pointed out the advantages which would be gained by closing the carriage way across the parade ground and so leaving it, for foot passengers and perhaps chairs, one uninterrupted spread of level ground. It is true that the road way fronting the Bathing House is not so wide as it should be to take the traffic of the principal road of the city. But in the first place, most of the foot traffic would pass by the present out across, while the formation of an additional road-way inside the line of trees and building hedge would not be a very serious encroachment upon the cricket ground, while it would provide a road for public vehicular use, equal to the one now available. The expense, with convict labour at hand, could hardly be very great, and we know that a large proportion of the community would gladly see such an alteration

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The Governor General of India has lately set an example that might be followed elsewhere by some dignitaries of lesser degree in H. M.'s dominions. His Excellency (of India, we mean) being of opinion that the establishment and maintenance of a well-regulated system of publication of official documents in newspapers will be of essential service to the Government and to the public, has directed the formation of an agency for that purpose in the several departments of state. The Secretary in each of the Foreign, Home, Military, Public Works, and Finance Departments; and the Assistant Secretary in the legislative branch of the Home department; are directed to appoint each in his own office respectively, a clerk to prepare daily, or as occasion may arise, a précis of accurate information upon ordinary matters of public interest, and communicate the same with all practicable despatch to the public journals. Of course there is to be a reservation of matters purely official; the government will decide what may be properly made public, and the ordinary *Gazette* will not be affected in respect of publication of despatches therein. Journalism seems to be gaining recognition in India, as it has done in most British colonies and dependencies. The founder of the *Friend of India* has received honours from government, apparently in acknowledgement of what that paper had done for Indian interests, and now the Indian press generally has received a concession of a privilege for which they have long contended, and upon which we heartily congratulate them. We don't expect they will ever be able to reciprocate our congratulations on the same subject.

SWATOW.

ALTHOUGH the recent operations at Swatow were scarcely of so serious a nature as to justify their being compared with many of the naval services of which China has been the theatre, their political importance is considerable. At a comparatively trifling expense of life and property, the truculent villagers on the banks of the Han have been taught the bitter lesson which is inevitable to all weaker and semi-civilized races when they oppose those stronger than themselves. Long accustomed to consider themselves inviolable, it was an absolute practical necessity to teach them their mistake. This has been done at the cost, as we now learn, of three officers and four men wounded on our side. Of the officers one was severely injured by an explosion, one stunned and rendered unfit for duty for some days, and the third slightly wounded by a spear. Two marines were wounded in the head and thigh respectively, while two seamen were injured in the hand and foot. None of these being dangerous, the affair was practically bloodless on our side. Of the Chinese a return, considered accurate, has been obtained in which a total of ninety-eight is given—48 being killed and 60 wounded. 240 houses of importance—i.e., above the grade of fishermen's or labourers' huts—were burnt and destroyed, as were also a temple and ancestral Hall—the former is common in China being in reality a residence rather than a "religious" house. As a matter of future reference we have compiled from authentic sources, aided by a communication from Swatow, the following account of the affair, upon which it is possible that the former correspondent's letter published threw an air of unimportance beyond its actual merits:—

H. M. ship *Rinaldo*, flying the pendant of Commodore Jones, the *Perseus*, the gunboat *Levee* and the gunboats *Bowmer* and *Cochet* having arrived at Swatow on the 28th Jan., the marines under the command of Captain Hale, R.M., L.L., were landed early on the morning of next day. The boats were got out and with the small arm men and four 12-pounder Armstrong field guns, proceeded up the Han, the two bodies meeting at a bend of the river below Hoo Woo, thus increasing the land force to about 250 men. The whole were marched to the river face of the town of Tang Tun where they were halted and the field guns landed from the boats, which continued to ascend the river protecting the left flank of the land force. A body of some 400 seamen were then detached under Commander Stevens to hold some sand hills on the extreme left and somewhat to east of Tang Tun, while the main force with the marines in attacking order, approached the town. When they had reached about one hundred and fifty yards from the walls, a brick was fired on them which extended some distance to the right from behind bushes and an embankment; this was at once replied to with field guns and small arms, and in about ten minutes the Chinese were compelled to retire, and an entrance to the town was forced. Considerable resistance, however even then was experienced, terminating in our men making good their position, the main body of the enemy eventually retreating to a suburb in the rear, from which they were dislodged in like manner.

During this time the detachment sent to the left had not been idle. A body of Chinese had approached from the direction of Poting, and with a portion of the retreating defenders of Tang Tun sought to occupy the sand hills above alluded to, thus assailing the occupants in front and rear. However, the Sniders defeated their project, compelling them to retire rather hastily towards Poting. The Seamen under the command of Commander Stevens, were then occupied in burning Tang Tun and the suburb both of which were in a blaze by one o'clock, when the whole force rejoined their boats and dined on the River Bank.

At about two o'clock the force again advanced, the marines under Captain Hale, and the seamen under Commander Stevens on the right with skirmishers thrown out on their right flank. The Commodore commanding the whole force from the centre. On the force approaching Poting the enemy opened a severe fire which was unavailing for a considerable period, the whole force lying down for a time, while a reconnaissance of the defences was being made. It

then advanced in line, scaling the walls and driving the enemy who continued maintaining a hot fire from the banks and brushwood on the right of the town before it; they were however driven from their defences in succession, and after a resolute and combative charge of seamen and marines and a steady advance of the main body of marines through the town they were dislodged, retreating in haste to Outing-pui across the intervening plain.

After a short halt the force advanced on the latter town, in the same order as before, avoiding the extreme of the town which appeared difficult of access. Finding a canal in rear of the town, an entrance was forced under brick and determined opposition; the Chinese were driven from street to street and house to house, and by half past five the town of Outing-pui was in one vast blaze; during this time some well directed shells from the field pieces and boats guns burst over the scene of operations, adding considerably to the confusion of the retreating forces.

By 8.30 p.m., the whole force were embarked and returning to their ships. Thus in a few hours the perpetrators of the outrage on the *Cochet*'s boats had been thoroughly punished. We can scarcely add much to the account of subsequent affairs already given. The villagers sent a deputation to beg for mercy and were promised that if they refrained from future attacks, they would be left in peace. We learn, however, that Admiral Kappel has directed the Commodore to express his sense of the gallantry and judgment with which the whole of the forces landed acted—a duty which it will doubtless give great pleasure to Commander Jones to fulfil. The best thanks of the local mercantile and missionary communities are due to the naval authorities, who have thus in all probability secured them a peaceful residence in Swatow for some time to come.

LOCAL.

In the Supreme Court to-day, in Admiralty, bills of costs, as taxed by the Registrar, in the cases of junk captures by the gunboats *Haghty*, *Bowmer* and *Levee* were allowed.

The Annual Meeting of the members and seatholders of Union Church was held yesterday evening, for the purpose of receiving the Secretary's report and Treasurer's accounts for the past year—Rev. D. B. Morris, pastor, in the Chair. The report, which showed a very favorable state of things considering the general dulness of trade, was presented by Mr. D. R. Crawford (secretary) and unanimously approved. The Hon. J. B. Taylor was unanimously elected Treasurer for the year, and Mr. John S. Cox was unanimously appointed Secretary. Votes of thanks were passed to various gentlemen who had assisted the congregation in various ways; and the meeting, which was well attended, then separated.

By H. P. M. Boucher who left Swatow in company with H. M. S. *Rinaldo* at 5 p.m. on 3rd inst., we learn that she left there the gunboats *Janus* and *Cochet*. When she left Swatow the inhabitants of the villages who have been so troublesome towards Europeans, appeared to be thoroughly satisfied with the chastisement they had received from the brigade under the command of Commodore Jones. The *Janus* was shortly ordered to Hongkong to be paid off, having been 3 years in commission. The *Cochet* will shortly leave Swatow for Hongkong also to be paid off, the gunboat *Banister* taking her place.

THE HOLWORTHY MURDER.

At the Magistrate's to-day, before Mr. May, were charged Chung Ahm, coolie, Taiping-shan; Wong Akee, boatman, West Point; and Lo Acoy, coolie, Macao, for having been concerned in the murder of Mr. W. W. Holworthy, near the Gap on Victoria Peak, on the 24th January last. The prisoners all appeared considerably crestfallen, and held down their heads during the proceedings, very unlike prisoners placed in dock upon minor charges. The third prisoner (who is very slightly pock-pitted) is the headman whom Mr. Caldwell followed and captured at Macao; he showed signs of trepidation both before and after the hearing of the case for a remand.

Mr. Hazeldun, crown solicitor, said that the three prisoners were charged with being concerned in the murder of Mr. Holworthy. He had caused the apprehension of all the three prisoners, from information received. The first prisoner was apprehended on the 31st ultimo, in Hongkong; the second on the 1st February, also in Hongkong, but during his (witness's) absence in Macao; while the third was arrested by him in Macao, on the same day as the second prisoner was caught, with the assistance of the Macao authorities, at the request of H. E. the Governor of Hongkong.

Mr. Hazeldun said he would ask the usual eight days' remand; but he presumed that if the evidence could be procured before that time, it would be allowable to bring it forward.

Mr. May said that the case could be resumed at any time, but fixed Friday, the 12th, as the day when the remand expired.

Prisoners were then removed. The third man, who is believed to be the leading man in the ugly business, is not by any means a handsome Chinaman; and coupled with his trepidation and the expression of disgust protruded thereby, his features do not come much short of the hideous and ruffianly.

The great reason which the Gambling Licenses have for interesting themselves in the detection of crime is daily being exemplified and strengthened. "Is the den of iniquity now being opened by the white man to rule, or the black? Are we to have a republic or a despotism? Shall we have a rule of law, or shall we destroy it?" We answer, with our accustomed mildness, "Neither the one or the other, whichever you please, my dear, and perhaps both."

The Colony, leaving the character of embosomment to its name, although he had held his situation with honesty and credit for five years. It is believed that sums so lost may be repaid by the Gambling Licenses, if clear proof be given that the money was lost at the table of a licensed gambling-house. At any rate that was one of the arguments stealthily introduced by Sir Richard Macdonnell, when he tried to recover true British feeling in his gambling policy. It is but a mean argument at the best, and the Excellency has not, so far as the public know, over-offended his licensees by attempting to apply it.

The following report of an alleged dangerous shoal is supplied to the *New York Herald* by Captain Kempton of the barque *Java 2nd*. Commander Reed is now engaged on a survey of the "great waters" referred to, and if the shoal has any existence, mention of it will probably soon find its way on to the Admiralty Charts:—

On my passage from Singapore to Samboangan, after passing through Balabac Strait, I steered to pass between St. Michael's Island and the Island of Bancanar (I have James Murray & Sons' Chart). At 7 p.m. was surprised at seeing bottom along side; cast the lead and got six fathoms coral. There being a very light air at the time, stood along a piece and got five fathoms. Lowered a boat and went around and found out ahead of the ship quarter less five fathoms. I let go my anchors and laid there during the night. The next morning, it being calm, I took a boat and sounded on different parts of the reef. In some places I got as little as 2½ fathoms; the most water five and six fathoms; it appeared to be steep, too, on the side I was on, the south edge, as in about two ship-lengths it deepened from five to 25 fathoms. The southern edge of the reef made about S.E. and N.W. I went to mainland and looked over, and about should it N. and S. about half a mile, N.W. and S.E. about a mile. By observations I made it is in lat. 7° 52' N., long. 118° 28' E., not very good observation, as it was cloudy and overcast weather. The most northern of the St. Michael's Islands bore S.W. by S. ½ S.; the island of Bancanar N.E. ½ N., and Mount Mantalembagahan (on Palawan) N.W. 9 A.M. a breeze sprung up; took up our anchor and stood to S.E. between the reef and the most northern portion of St. Michael's Islands. Saw no more dangers."

TO-DAY'S POLICE.

Mr. May had no important cases for his consideration to-day.

Mahomed Ali, watchman to Messrs R. S. Walker & Co., was sent to hard labor for fourteen days for having been found asleep on duty.

An Indian ex-constable was sent to Gaol for three days for having been found begging from Europeans.

Henry Wild, seaman of the *Pearl*; William Trenwith, unemployed engineer; and Louis Leavith, unemployed steward, were each ordered to pay fifty cents inasmuch as they forgot themselves yesterday, and had to be looked after by the Police.

A Chinaman was ordered to be placed in the stocks for an hour at Bonham Strand, at which place he had offended, against decency this morning; he was also ordered to pay a dollar fine, in default 2 days' imprisonment.

A Chinese carpenter named Leong Asun was charged with having stolen some pieces of plank from a shopkeeper at Queen's Road West. Prisoner admitted the charge, and attempted to explain it by advancing a theory which acquired very much of the approaching New Year. He stated that he had no money; and as he was a countryman of the shopkeeper, he thought he might help himself to some of his wood to raise enough to take himself home. Mr. May failed to see the force of this version of property rights, and sent prisoner to hard labor for one month.

John Duffy is one of the most difficult cases of the unemployed seaman class who has yet been brought to light: he has been over and over again produced before the Magistrate by the police as an inveterate loafer and a person who may continually claim the rank of "rogue and vagabond" by his mode of life and habit of getting drunk on the shortest notice. He was brought up this morning on the old charge; "at 10 A.M. this day he was found drunk." And Inspector Horspool, who charged Duffy, stated that it was by no means the first time that Duffy had been up on a similar charge; in fact, Duffy had been offered means of shipment over and over again, but it did not suit Duffy's book to ship—Duffy stated that he was perfectly willing to ship when he had the opportunity to do so; but as this had been proved to the contrary on more than one occasion, he was sent to Gaol with hard labor for 14 days.

Lee Aying, the man brought upon the third case mentioned the other day as having been charged with the unlicensed selling of opium, was brought up on remand to-day, and as evidence was produced in his defence which showed that the real owner of the opium-house had run away, he was discharged.

The case of alleged abduction—in which the supercargo of the *Norma* was charged with having drugged and carried on board ship a female named Seen Shup Kow—was brought up on remand to-day. The agreement to serve as a prostitute at Bangkok was corroborated by the witnesses, and the drug used with pieces of sweet ginger (as alleged by complainant) was corroborated by the Bench as a tale similar to those indigenous to the East in olden times.

The result was that the supercargo was discharged; and the complainant was convicted of having given false evidence, fined \$50, in default to go to Gaol with hard labor for three months.

Sergeant Gowan (the protector of the Colony at Kowloon Dock) seldom misses a day in bringing a case of larceny against some one. To-day he brought up three—one a watchman, and the other two outsiders—on a charge of having stolen some copper nails from the Dock. The case was remanded until to-morrow.

Answers to Questions.—The *Mountain Dew* comes with abruptness. "Is the den of iniquity now being opened by the white man to rule, or the black? Are we to have a republic or a despotism? Shall we have a rule of law, or shall we destroy it?" We answer, with our accustomed mildness, "Neither the one or the other, whichever you please, my dear, and perhaps both."

LATER TELEGRAMS.

By the *Glengyle*, Capt. Hooper, we have received the *Straits Times* of Jan. 23, which contains the following telegrams, later than those brought by the Mail. They are dated London:—

7th Jan.—The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday shows the following results:—

Reserve of Notes ... £8,375,000
Bills Discounted ... £20,625,000
Bullion ... £18,500,000

14th Jan.—The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—

Reserve of Notes ... £9,375,000
Bills Discounted ... £21,750,000
Bullion ... £18,625,000

14th Jan.—Archbishop Challen and the Bishops in Ireland have declared the total disestablishment and disendowment of the Irish Church to be indispensable. Captain Wilmshurst, of the ship *Bremen*, has been honourably acquitted by the Court Martial. Unanimousity in fact concerning the attitude assumed by Greece at the Conference; and the result is considered doubtful. The deaths of Principal Forbes and Alexander Cameron Campbell, Esq., are announced.

14th Jan.—The Conference re-assembled to-day. Mr. Rangabe, the Greek representative, is, however, still without instructions from Athens. The *Gret Eastern* has commenced shipping the new French Atlantic Cable, which is to be laid from Brest to America. 1,000 miles of the cable are already manufactured.

15th Jan.—The Manchester and Liverpool markets firm and advancing. 7 lbs. 9½ lbs. 10½ and 40 Twist 13. Fair Dholera 3½. Straits Produce—Sago Flour 16½, Gambier 17, Tin 21½, White Pepper 6½, Black Pepper 4d.

15th Jan.—Earl Clarendon and Mr. Revelly Johnson have signed a convention relating to the *Alabama* claims, similar to the one which was signed by Lord Stanley. The *Times* says that the conflict between Turkey and Greece will prevent the intended visit of the Prince of Wales to Athens. The latest advice received from Brazil states that a great battle has taken place which has resulted in the destruction of the Paraguayan army. Lopez, with about 200 followers, has escaped. The war is now considered to be over.

Jan. 16th.—The Conference met yesterday. The decision arrived at is considered satisfactory. The final sitting of the Conference will take place to-day. The latest telegraphic advice received from Madrid states that the elections have commenced in Spain. Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have left Copenhagen.

Paris, Jan. 16.—The Conference terminated its labours in the last sitting, which took place to-day. The final formalities will take place to-morrow. A declaration has been agreed to be communicated to Greece after the approval of the Government represented. The declaration admits the justice and legitimacy of the first three points of the Turkish ultimatum, and that it is unnecessary to insist upon the fourth point, Turkey having referred to the ordinary tribunals. The fifth point is implicitly included in the first three points. The French invite Greece to regulate her conduct by the rules of international law. The Turkish Government is prepared to withdraw the ultimatum if Greece accepts the recommendations of the Great Powers.

CHIT-BOOKS.

(Shanghai Evening Courier.)
When the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society has built a museum or other establishment on the ground given by the British Government, perhaps not the least amusing part of its library might consist of a series of old chit-books. These volumes after fulfilling their duty, are usually flung aside and slide away into that exhaustible limbo which is indicated by the expression "that coolie has taken." And yet, to a thoughtful man those unappreciated books are indices of lives, fortunes and changes. Referring to them, we can, from other sources, as indicated by their dates and names, make out a very good history of particular years, firms and individuals in Shanghai, or any other community where chit-books are in use; and from their comparative study, the outline of most careers can be traced with far less difficulty, than from apparently clearer sources.

Chit-books can be divided into two distinct kinds, masculine and feminine; the distinction being perfectly well defined. It is generally, as we all know, an oblong, respectable-looking tome, neatly trimmed with leather, and carefully ruled inside. The dates are duly inserted, and the names written, in a bold manly hand with monotonous regularity; even when old, its grey shabbiness commands respect, as does a respectable decayed tradesman in the street of men. And yet, useless as the old book seems, between the time when it was fresh from the store, and the time it is thrown away on the top of an iron safe or the corner of a godown, in it is written its owner's career in a far more tell-tale manner than the writer possibly intended. We know to whom he has written, and from recollection of his correspondent's business, and the state of the market at the time, can indicate, with more or less certainty, the particular affair in which he was engaged. Thus it is easy to trace transactions in rags, tea and silk, and such uninteresting affairs. Now and again the chits sent to banks and brokers, clearly indicating a tightness in the exchange, which may presently disappear; but in many this is followed by a letter to two lawyers, and the book itself probably finishes soon afterwards. There is generally one place in which the rest of such histories can be found—the front sheet of the "Supreme Court Gazette." This is not a pleasant entry to the masculine chit-book; but we often find a far smoother history winding up with several entries addressed to banks and the very last to the P. & O. Co. That is the proper doxology for the book, and we derive endless satisfaction from the contemplation of the merchant writing these last pages, drawing his moles wherever they will, and sending for his passage ticket home by the P. & O., with the intention of settling permanently at Beckenham or Bulbain hill, where chit-books cease from troubling and chit-coolies are unknown. But sometimes the finale is quite different. We have often traced the struggle of one man through his treacherous book. Now, difficulties of a personal kind, now, with his banker, or his correspondents afflict him, upon the hand once so firm, becomes a little shaky, and nearly its last entry is to a Doctor. After a pause a new hand

writes the next names. They are alphabetically arranged; the old master has evidently gone to his long home, and his administrators invite the mourners to go about the streets.

In the masculine chit-book the story is generally too much the same to be amusing, or to require much attention, therein differing from its feminine companion of which we shall presently treat. And yet a smile, not to say a laugh, is sometimes raised, especially in the store-keeper's or milliner's books. We remember once observing a lady's name several times repeated, and as the sex generally save time by answer in the chit-book, she had replied "will call." "not convenient" and "to-morrow." Evidently, whatever might have been the nature of the correspondence, the lady was a disciple of Felix and, as with him, a convenient time never came; for the impatient shopkeeper addresses a note to the lady's husband soon after, and as neither of their names appear again, we may depend upon it the little bill was paid. We may also be sure that the conversation of the loving pair on that day was of the *res-empata-domi*, and that the skeleton rattled in the cupboard. The lady however appears to have obtained with female pertinacity the mastery, for her name soon afterwards could be seen as often as ever in the archives of a rival tradesman.

But it is in the study of the chit-book, a literature that real interest can be taken. It is a literature of itself, and will command itself in odd half hours to anybody. The books, like their mistresses, have an elegant appearance. You don't know what you are in for, when a dirty coolie presents to you a slim red and gold book, with a tiny enclosure endorsed in the nearest of hands. However, there it is like its sterner masculine partner, but containing on inspection such a mine of inscriptions besides the names as would baffle any one not well up in the certain ways of womankind. "Thanks," "Certainly," "Come along, at 3," "Yes," "No," "All right," "Have got," and (so it mentioned in) "O.K." are expressions as common in ladies' chit-books as iron shot in spring snipe. If two or three contemporaneous and friendly books are compared, a tolerable conversation can be made up from these ejaculations. It is only when there is a "row" underweigh, that no friendly inscription is returned, exceptions being made, of course, to invitations to dinners and notes from new comers. Again, what delightful scope for an imaginative mind is afforded by such remarks as "Really!" "Did you ever?" "I expected as much!" "I shan't!" "Never!" "Excuse me!" "I won't!" All of which have been discovered in highly polished chit-books. Once we detected "She's dead!" in a very odd and laconic volume, and at another time "how nice!" but the author of the latter was not of age. In one very silent volume might be seen the inscription "not on Sunday," which was highly suggestive, as coming from one who like the French Countess went to church merely to oblige the Lord. And thus, in these little unappreciated volumes can be traced hopes and fears, friendship and animosities, although care must be taken not to be misled by affectionate appellations. "No, dear!" was once detected in a chit-book in reply to a message from the writer's well known foe. Some books are more open than others, but quashing is the fault of youth, and when the chit-book becomes methodical and taciturn, we may be sure the crow's feet have made their appearance beneath the still sparkling eye of the writer.

What interesting volumes would these be in other years, if discovered by their owners in some forgotten box, long after China, and the life foreigners lead there, has become a thing of the past. Fancy, paternal families looking at the well known names of former years, when green teas paid, and land speculations converted mud into gold. What curious recollections will come back to him, of the years that have fled, and of the men who were his fellow-toilers, and what a pleasant grief over shadows him, when he thinks that his children are fighting the world—struggling with quite other weapons than he was wont to handle, and that they would laugh to scorn the business ways of those whose names are fading away in the chit-book. And you, Madam, does not the perusal of the old faded volume which you have just discovered in some long unexplored receptacle, make your heart beat a little quicker? For the days there indicated, and the persons therein named, can bring back the joys and jealousies, the gaieties and griefs of our happy young life. Your first guests are there and a record of your first dinner and dances; therein the remembrance of a thick friendship which dissolved into hatred in the same book, perhaps a flirtation which makes you wonder now. Slowly, but with the joys and follies of years long past are revived in your recollection, and the little naughtiness wherewith you were once naughty—and perhaps too, the name of one who was near and dear to you, makes the unaccustomed tear spring to your eye, and an entry reminds you of the damp burial ground. And thus an old chit-book is not without interest—contemporaneous ones are hardly worth reading, but when on a rainy day, or during hours of ennui, you feel disinclined for ordinary avocations, fall back on the perusal of one of these old records, if you have one, and your labour will not be in vain.

FIRE AT SEA.

The following "shipping report" appears in a Ceylon Paper:—

Report of Captain Chilton, Barque *Larzac* of and from Sunderland at Colombo. At Sea, Thursday, December 24th, 1868. Lat. 0° 27' S. Long. 79° 30' E. At Noon observed a boat to leeward of us, and evidently trying to reach us, kept our ship away to starboard; at 1 P.M. got the Boat alongside which proved to belong to the ship *Bellenger* of and from Sunderland to Bombay with 1200 tons of Coals, which vessel exploded and afterwards was destroyed by fire and abandoned November 29th, Lat. 15° 35' S. Long. 76° 12' E. On enquiry I found they had been 24 days in the Boat, and during that time had sailed over 1400 miles and had never seen a speck of the ocean till our ship bore in sight;—the Boat suffered from the heat and rain, but I was truly astonished to see that everyone seemed in perfect health, and instead of my crew having to assist them out of the Boat, as I fully expected they would, before the Boat was five minutes alongside every one had jumped on deck, numbering twenty-three in all. I had an opportunity of observing how things had been arranged for their subsistence, and considering the short time that elapsed from the Ship exploding till she had to be abandoned, only

four hours, it seemed astonishing how every necessary article and food for 40 days at least, even necessary medicines, were provided. Captain Brown informed me that from leaving the *Bellenger*, he had been able to issue to each person the following quantities of food and water per day, morning and evening. Morning, ½ a Biscuit, 2 oz. cheese or ham, ½ a pint water each. Evening, 1

SHIPPING IN HARBOUR

HONG KONG.

Consignees of Vessels will greatly oblige by forwarding corrections of errors in the following list.

Exclusive of Arrivals, Departures and Clearances reported to-day.

O. on Pedder's Wharf.—W.C., from Pedder's Wharf to Gibb's Wharf.—W., Westward of Gibb's Wharf.—E.C., on Pedder's Wharf to the Military Hospital.—E., Eastward of the Hospital.—K., on Kowloon side.

Vessel's Name and Where Anchored.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
STEAMERS							
Aden	W.C. Andrews	Brit. str.	312	January 13 P.	O. S. N. Co	S'apote & P'bay	
Californian	W.C. Watson	Brit. str.	1831	January 17	Turner & Co	Swatow, &c.	
Douglas	W.C. Toppin	Brit. str.	615	January 29	Douglas LaPraik & Co	Bombay, &c.	9th, 9 a.m.
Rissa	W.C. Babor	Brit. str.	1119	P. & O. S. N. Co			
Sakura	W.C. Einos	Brit. str.	625	Feb. 3	Russell & Co		
Titana	K. Hamlin	Brit. str.	805	January 21	A. Heard & Co		
Venus	W.C. Ouning	Amer. str.	677	August 30	A. Heard & Co		
Yung-hai-an	W.C. Morison	Russ. str.	447	October 19	Landstein & Co		
SAILING VESSELS							
Adelia Carleton	E. Carleton	Amer. bk.	590	January 30	Arnhold, Karberg & Co		
Agnes	W. Knapp	Brit. sh.	1011	January 20	P. M. S. S. Co		
Aguette & Constantia	W. Lindouk	Dut. bk.	466	Feb. 1	Bosman & Co		
Albany	E. Watt	Brit. bk.	478	January 21	Arnhold, Karberg & Co		
Alida	W.C. Sammann	N. Ger. bk.	280	Dec. 26	Siemens & Co		
Amacree	W.C. Dalmeton	Frit. bk.	389	January 20	Birley & Co		
Amelia	E. Dinkwater	Salv. sh.	1450	January 16	Captain		
Anna Walsh	W. Davy	Amer. bk.	623	January 18	A. Heard & Co		
Anna Porter	W. Davy	Brit. bk.	234	January 18	Order		
Ariel	W. Courtney	Brit. str.	862	January 18	Gibb, Livingston & Co		
Atlantio	E. Suhr	N. Ger. bk.	183	January 21	Carlowitz & Co		
Callao	E. Lavarolo	Salv. sh.	1440	Nov. 17	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Candelaria	W. Lars	Span. bk.	407	January 23	Remedios & Co		
Caroline	W. Paulsen	N. Ger. sch.	268	January 26	Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
Catharina	W. Moisen	N. Ger. bk.	350	January 22	Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
Catherina Jurgensen	W. Petersen	N. Ger. bk.	234	January 28	Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
Channel Queen	W. Leinfestry	Brit. sh.	603	January 18	Gilman & Co		
Charlotte H. Andrews	W. Anderson	Brit. bk.	355	Feb. 2	Captain		
Cherry	W. Spencer	Brit. sh.	649	Dec. 26	Burnee Company		
Chippier	W. Hoffmeister	N. Ger. sch.	223	January 30	Melchers & Co		
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Constance	W. Aborra	Span. bk.	184	January 28	Wahes & Co		
Costa Rica	W. Maullen	Brit. bk.	299	Dec. 31	A. G. Hogg & Co		
Dart	W. Stuart	Amer. sch.	80	Dec. 12	A. Heard & Co		
Douglas	W. Morrison	Brit. sh.	540	Nov. 25	Bosman & Co		
Derna	W. Rittner	N. Ger. bk.	267	January 15	E. Schellhass & Co		
Ellen	W. Windsor	Brit. sh.	631	Dec. 20	Olyphant & Co		
Ercella	W. Vicente	Span. bk.	400	Dec. 24	Order		
F. A. Palmer	W. McCaslin	Brit. sh.	1626	January 3	A. Heard & Co		
Frederic	W. Nicolae	Belg. sh.	803	January 6	Borneo Company		
Friedrich	W. Luten	N. Ger. bk.	233	January 29	Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
G. C. Lorenz Meyer	W. Moller	N. Ger. bk.	306	January 14	Wm. Pustau & Co		
Golden Fleets	W. Wilcomb	Amer. sh.	1500	January 18	Russell & Co		
Golden Horn	E. Rice	Brit. sh.	1140	October 29	Russell & Co		
Gravina	W. Barcelo	Span. bk.	220	Dec. 22	Remedios & Co		
Italia	W. Zulueta	Ital. sh.	1000	January 21	J. J. dos Remedios & Co		
Java	K. Marbill	N. Ger. bk.	209	January 20	Arnhold, Karberg & Co		
Kim Yang Tye	W. Lange	Siam. lbg.	329	January 18	Chinese		
Lahloo	E. Smith	Brit. sh.	799	January 26	Gilman & Co		
Leen Pa	W. Collinson	Brit. bk.	286	October 10	Order		
Lily of Devon	W. Leuxton	Brit. bk.	398	January 16	John Burd & Co		
Lytleton	W. Beck	Brit. sh.	585	Dec. 12	Olyphant & Co		
Madagascar	W. Protie	Aust. bk.	533	January 18	Melchers & Co		
Madura	W. Steffens	N. Ger. bk.	156	January 30	Siemens & Co		
Maggie	E. Bereman	Brit. sch.	222	Nov. 28	Wm. Pustau & Co		
Manrius	W. Petersen	N. Ger. bk.	500	January 19	Wm. Pustau & Co		
Mena	W. Cartue	Span. bk.	456	January 18	Ga. Company		
Mindoro	E. Allen	Amer. sh.	1021	January 21	A. Heard & Co		
Mobil	Barg	N. Ger. bk.	360	Dec. 28	Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
Morning Star	W. Schutt	Siam. bk.	570	January 17	Chinese		
National Eagle	K. Nickerson	Amer. sh.	1095	Feb. 1	Olyphant & Co		
Nelly	E. Paitout	Fch. sh.	779	Dec. 21	Order		
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Proetus	W. Murphy	Brit. sh.	1195	January 14	P. M. S. S. Co		
Queen of England	W. Hoffmann	Siam. sh.	642	January 15	Chinese		
Resolute	W. Ezziere	Siam. sh.	860	January 23	Chinese		
Robert Rickmers	W. Ebert	N. Ger. bk.	422	January 16	Arnhold, Karberg & Co		
San Lorenzo	W. Ledema	Spain. bk.	220	Feb. 1	Remedios & Co		
Sarah Anderson	W. Donough	Brit. bk.	589	January 30	Captain		
Sarah Nicholson	E. Jefferson	Brit. sh.	934	January 20	Captain		
Serica	E. Watt	Brit. sh.	707	January 20	Birley & Co		
Shakespeare	W. Dalglish	Brit. sh.	486	January 18	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Shirley	W. Ferguson	Amer. sh.	1049	Dec. 31	Russell & Co		
Singapore	W. Comfarius	Dut. bk.	326	January 14	Wm. Pustau & Co		
Sir Henry Havelock	W. Piekthall	Brit. bk.	460	January 18	Ray & Co		
Soolie	E. Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	962	January 20	A. Heard & Co		
Sophie Amalia	W. Steves	Dut. bk.	294	January 15	E. Schellhass & Co		
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Spindrift	E. Ines	Brit. sh.	900	January 17	John Burd & Co		
Stad Oldensal	W. Hoogterp	Dut. sch.	241	January 18	Wm. Pustau & Co		
Taoing	E. Dowdy	Brit. sh.	767	January 27	Gilman & Co		
Tay Watt	W. Meyer	Siam. bk.	640	Dec. 22	Chinese		
Veritas	W. Ingram	Brit. sh.	632	October 7	Turner & Co		
Vesta	W. Bakker	Dut. bk.	435	January 15	Wm. Pustau & Co		
Villa de Rivadavia	W. Castilho	Span. bk.	220	January 14	Remedios & Co		
Wilhelm	W. Ulrich	N. Ger. bk.	236	January 5	Melchers & Co		
Whitehall	W. Marsh	Brit. sh.	936	Nov. 22	Holliday, Wise & Co		
White Swallow	W. Knowles	Amer. sh.	985	January 21	Bosman & Co		
Yokohama	K. Blouet	Fch. sh.	886	Feb. 2	Order		
Young Greek	W. Beiroth	Brit. bk.	424	January 13	Xuen Fat Hong		
Yasabita y 6 Hermanos	W. Frauyva	Span. bk.	549	January 7	Chinese		
Zephyr	E. Ostrum	Dut. bk.	490	Dec. 4	Russell & Co		

WHAMPOA.

Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag & Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
Amazona	Ballstedt	N. Ger. bk.	218	January 27	E. Schellhass & Co	Tientsin	
Arbut	Crosby	Amer. bk.	260	January 25	Russell & Co		
Cambridge	Dufordais	Brit. str.	1682	Feb. 5	Messageries Imperiales		
China	Steward	Brit. str.	1348	Feb. 5	P. & O. S. N. Co		
Fair Leader	Newman	Brit. bk.	474	January 25	Order		
Kalimas	Kohn	N. Ger. bk.	360	January 18	Wm. Pustau & Co		
Louisa	Wupper	N. Ger. bk.	290	January 16	Siemens & Co		
Madras	Schneidgen	N. Ger. bk.	430	Feb. 3	Siemens & Co		
Nadia	Elaje	N. Ger. bk.	221	January 27	Melchers & Co		
Oscar Vidal	Wood	Brit. str.	716	January 22	Olyphant & Co		
Serpent	Benz	N. Ger. bk.	252	January 22	Siemens & Co		
Sophie	Carnell	Brit. bk.	303	January 18	Wm. Pustau & Co		
United Service	Green	Brit. str.	470	Feb. 1	Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Unkel Dressig	Loebner	Brit. str.	777	Feb. 2	Borneo Company		
Waverley	Forseyth	N. Ger. bk.	273	Feb. 3	Melchers & Co		
		Brit. bk.	215	Feb. 1	Gibb, Livingston & Co		

VESSELS LOADING.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Consignees.
CHINA & JAPAN PORTS.			
SHANGHAI	Wilhelm	N. G. bk.	Melchers & Co
NINGPO	Mobil	N. G. bk.	Bourjau, Hubener & Co
Do.	Kalimas*	N. G. bk.	Wm. Pustau & Co
Do.	Madras*	N. G. bk.	Siemens & Co
TIENTSIN	Amazona*	N. G. bk.	E. Schellhass & Co
Do.	Oscar Vidal*	N. G. bk.	Siemens & Co
Do.	Serpent	N. G. bk.	Wm. Pustau & Co
Do.	Martha*	N. G. bk.	Melchers & Co
Do.	Friedrich	N. G. bk.	Bourjau, Hubener & Co
YOKOHAMA	Dwina	N. G. bk.	E. Schellhass & Co
OTHER PORTS.			
LONDON	Fair Leader*	Br. bk.	Order
NEW YORK	Caroline	N. G. sr.	Bourjau, Hubener & Co
SAN FRANCISCO	Golden Horn	Br. sh.	Russell & Co
Do.	Douglas	Br. sh.	Bosman & Co
Do.	F. A. Palmer	Br. sh.	A. Heard & Co
Do.	Shirley	Am. sh.	Russell & Co
MELBOURNE & SYDNEY	Zephyr	Dut. bk.	Russell & Co
Do.	Lytleton	Br. sh.	Olyphant & Co
SINGAPORE & BOMBAY	Californian	Br. str.	Turner & Co
MANILA	Whitehall	Br. sh.	Holliday, Wise & Co
SURINAM	Veritas	Br. sh.	Remedios & Co
			Turner & Co

*At Whampoa.

†At Canton.

MEN-OF-WAR IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Name.	Flag.	Rig.	Gun.	Tons.	Captain.
Adventure	British	steamer	2	1794	Hy. J. Raby, V.C. Capt.
Drake	British	gun-boat	3	230	In ordinary.
Flamer	British	naval hospital	—	230	Attached to Melville
Grasshopper	British	gun-boat	3	230	In ordinary.
Hardy	British	gun-boat	3	230	In ordinary.
Iroquois	U. States	steam-sloop	6	1000	Eari English
Leven	British	gun-vessel	3	300	O. S. Cameron, Lt. Comm.
Lucifer	French	steamer	4	—	Mandine
Mecanee	British	Military Hospital	—	2591	Hospital ship
Melville	British	naval hospital	—	—	Geo. B. Hill, D.I.G.
Pearl	British	steamer	—	1469	J. F. Ross
Perseus	British	steam sloop	17	955	Stevens
Princess Charlotte	British	receiving ship	14	2443	Commodore Oliver J. Jones
Piscataqua	U. States	steam-sloop	—	3177	Ammen
Rinaldo	British	steamer	—	—	Lord C. Scott
Rodney	British	line of battle	—	2770	A. O. F. Heneage, Fl. C.
Sylvia	British	steamer	—	—	—

CHINESE GUN-VESSELS IN CANTON WATERS.

Vessel.	Flag.	Tons.	Captain.	Owners or Agents.
An-lan	Chinese	gun-vessel	7	221 Godall
Chen-to	Chinese	gun-vessel	7	221 Edwards
Ching-ting	Chinese	gun-boat	4	Bessard
Chin-hai	Chinese	gun-boat	6	Deind
Fai-long	Chinese	gun-boat	5	Francis
Spy	Chinese	Cook's Lorchs	3	Pointer
Sui-ting	Chinese	gun-boat	5	180 Stewart
Tien-po	Chinese	gun-boat	6	de Longueville

HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER STEAMERS.

Vessel.	Flag.	Tons.	Captain.	Owners or Agents.
Dragon	British	117	Stephenson	P. & O. S. N. Co
Fame (110 h.p. power)	Do.	380	—	H. & W. Dock Company's Tug
Fire Dart	Do.	456	Benning	H., O. & M. Steam-boat Co.
Kin Shien	Do.	617	—	H., O. & M. Steam-boat Co.
Kin Kiang	Do.	68	—	Acheong
Little Orphan	Do.	46	Benning	Union Dock Company's Tug
Poyang	Do.	379	Cary	H., O. & M. Steam-boat Co.
Prince Albert	Do.	180	—	Q. Acheong
Sir J. Jeejeebhoy	Do.	101	—	Q. Acheong
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